

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A print service for providing print of digital image data in response to an order from a user comprising:

a digital image data receiver that directly receives the digital image data from a source of the digital image data via a wired or wireless communication line;

a recorder that records a reception date of orders received from users and data identifying each user;

a receiver that receives a present print order from a user;

a checker that checks whether or not the reception date of the present print order is within a predetermined time period of a reception date of a previous order from the same user in a record recorded in the recorder; and

a charge determiner that determines a print charge of the present print order by deducting a predetermined amount from the print charge regardless of a content of the previous order if the checker finds in the record the previous order from the same user within the predetermined time period,

wherein a plurality of predetermined time periods are prepared in advance in the checker and the charge determiner deducts a different predetermined amount set in advance from the print charge ~~for-based on~~ each of the plurality of predetermined time periods.

2. (Previously Presented) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined time period is less than one month.

3. (Previously Presented) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the checker includes a comparator that compares the user of the present print order with the data identifying the user recorded in the record.

4. (Previously Presented) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the checker includes a comparator that finds out a relationship between the data of the present print order and the reception data in the record in view of the predetermined time period.

5. (Previously Presented) The print service according to claim 4, wherein the comparator includes an adder that adds the predetermined time period to the reception date of the previous order recorded in the record for comparison with the reception date of the present print order.

6. (Previously Presented) The print service according to claim 4, wherein the comparator includes a subtractor that subtracts the predetermined time period from the reception date of the present order for comparison with the reception date of the previous order recorded in the record.

7. (Previously Presented) The print service according to claim 4, wherein the comparator includes a finder that finds a time period between the reception date of the present print order and the reception date of the previous order recorded in the record for comparison with the predetermined time period.

8. (Previously Presented) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the checker checks if the user used the same print service within the predetermined time period.

9. (Previously Presented) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the checker checks if the present print order is received through the same receiver as the previous order within the predetermined time period.

10. (Original) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the contents to be recorded by the recorder are attached to the digital image data.

11. (Original) The print service according to claim 1, wherein the contents to be recorded by the recorder are embedded in the digital image data.

12-37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) A print service for providing print of digital image data in response to an order from a user comprising:

a digital image data receiver that directly receives the digital image data from a source of the digital image data via a wired or wireless communication line;

a recorder that records a reception date of orders received from users and data identifying each user;

a receiver that receives a present print order from a user; and

a charge determiner that determines a print charge of the present print order by deducting a predetermined amount from the print charge regardless of a content of the previous order if it is determined, based upon a record recorded in the recorder, that the reception date of the present print order is within a predetermined time period of a reception date of a previous order from the same user,

wherein a plurality of predetermined time periods are prepared in advance and the charge determiner deducts a different predetermined amount-amounts set in advance to be deducted from the print charge forbased on each of the plurality of predetermined time periods.

39-40. (Canceled)